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1. IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANTZKE HAS CONFIRMED TO US
HIS INTENTION TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR
COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY POLICY (CEP) SUB-GROUP ON NORTH/
SOUTH RELATIONS ON MARGINS OF IEA GOVERNING BOARD IN
TOKYO. LANTZKE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT BEST MEANS OF
HANDLING THIS ISSUE WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH A CEP SUB-GROUP
WHICH WOULD MEET JOINTLY WITH IEA SUB-GROUP ON
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY RELATIONS (BURROWS GROUP).

2. MISSION OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS OUR UNDER-
STANDING OF HOW ISSUE WOULD BE HANDLED. MISSION OFFICER
WENT ON TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IEA AD HOC GROUP
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ACTUALLY HAD TWO FUNCTIONS: A) EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON N/S
ENERGY ISSUES AS THEY ARISE IN UN AND OTHER BODIES,
AND B) PREPARING GOVERNING BOARD DECISIONS ON AND MONI-
TORING IEA'S OWN PROGRAM OF CONTACTS AND COOPERATION WITH
LDCS. THE FRENCH SEEMED PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN FUNCTION
(A), AND FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS COULD
BE BOTH APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE. NOTING THAT THIS WAS

HIS PERSONAL VIEW, MISSION OFFICER INDICATED HE HAD SOME DOUBTS, HOWEVER, AS TO DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING NON-IEA MEMBERS IN DISCUSSIONS UNDER FUNCTION (B), WHICH WOULD RELATE DIRECTLY TO IEA'S OWN WORK PROGRAM. IEA AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSIONS WERE LIKELY TO FOCUS INCREASINGLY ON IEA'S OWN PROGRAM.

3. LANTZKE INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THIS LINE OF REASONING. IN HIS VIEW, ONE WAY TO BRING FRENCH INTO GENERAL N/S ENERGY DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT GIVING THEM VOICE IN DETERMINATION OF IEA PROGRAM WOULD BE TO LIMIT JOINT MEETINGS TO TWO OR THREE A YEAR. DISCUSSIONS AT THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE LIMITED TO COORDINATION ON GENERAL N/S ENERGY ISSUES. IEA AD HOC GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET INDEPENDENTLY TO DISCUSS AGENCY'S OWN N/S PROGRAM. LANTZKE EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT BRINGING FRENCH INTO CONTACT WITH IEA AD HOC GROUP ON GENERAL N/S ENERGY ISSUES COULD FACILITATE PROGRESS TOWARD EVENTUAL FULL MEMBERSHIP IN IEA.

4. COMMENT: IN MISION'S VIEW, FORMULA OUTLINED PARA 3, WHILE CUMBERSOME, IS BEST MEANS OF HANDLING FRENCH CEP PROPOSAL WITHOUT DRIFTING TOO FAR TOWARD A LA CARTE IEA PARTICIPATION. WHILE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL N/S ENERGY DISCUSSIONS IS PROBABLY INEVITABLE PROCEDURALLY (IN VIEW OF CEP PROPOSAL) AND SUBSTANTIVELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DESIRABLE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO BRING FRENCH AND OTHER NON-IEA MEMBERS INTO DISCUSSIONS OF AGENCY'S OWN PROGRAM. WE CONTINUE TO DOUBT THAT THE KIND OF A LA CARTE IEA PARTICIPATION THIS WOULD IMPLY WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO BRINGING FRENCH FULLY INTO IEA. WE RECOMMEND THAT USDEL TO TOKYO GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORT THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN PARA 3.
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